

MEMORANDUM

To: MPO Policy Committee

From: Kama Dobbs, Principal

Date: March 5, 2026

Subject: Final FY2027 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Action Requested: Approval

Purpose

On January 8, 2026 the MPO Policy Committee approved the draft FY 2027 Unified Work Program (UWP), consisting of the FY 2027 -2031 Competitive and FY 2027 Core programs that were developed in accordance with the [Unified Work Program Development Methodology](#) approved by the UWP Committee. On February 11, 2026 the CMAP Board approved the FY2027 CMAP budget and regional work plan. The draft FY 2027 UWP was updated to reflect this budget and is being presented to the MPO Policy Committee for final approval. Upon approval, the final FY 2027 will be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for approval and submittal to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) for approval.

FY 2027 Funding Summary

FY 2027 UWP funds will be allocated to CMAP, CTA, the City of Chicago, the subregional Councils of Mayors, Metra, Pace, and the RTA for core and competitive transportation planning activities. Table 1 below summarizes the allocation of funding by agency. Funding allocations include both personnel costs and expenses, including consulting services. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the relative personnel and expense costs by activity and agency, respectively.

Table 1. FY 2027 UWP budget by agency

Agency	Personnel	Expenses	Total
CDOT	\$625,074	\$574,926	\$1,200,000
CMAP	\$9,548,634	\$18,731,593	\$28,280,227
CoM	\$1,934,448	\$265,592	\$2,200,040
CTA	\$1,179,256	\$400,000	\$1,579,256
Metra	\$607,642	\$283,858	\$891,500
Pace	\$232,794	\$459,956	\$692,750
RTA	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000
Total	\$14,127,847	\$20,835,926	\$34,963,773

Figure 1. FY 2027 UWP budget by major activity

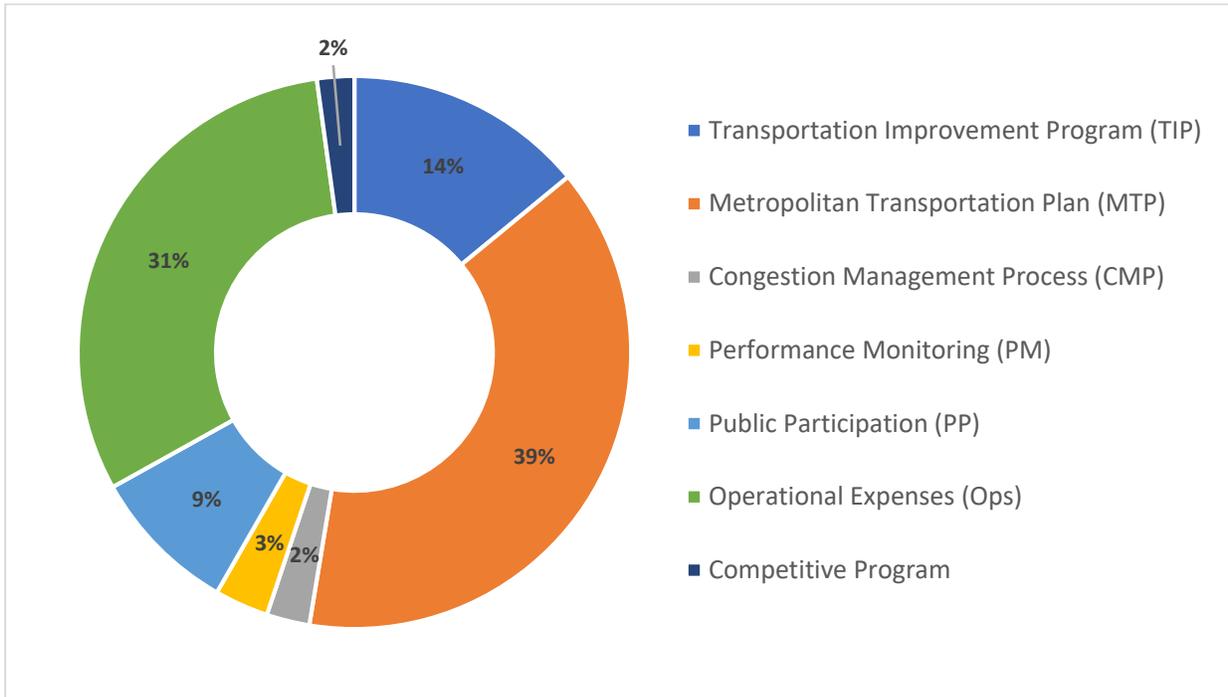
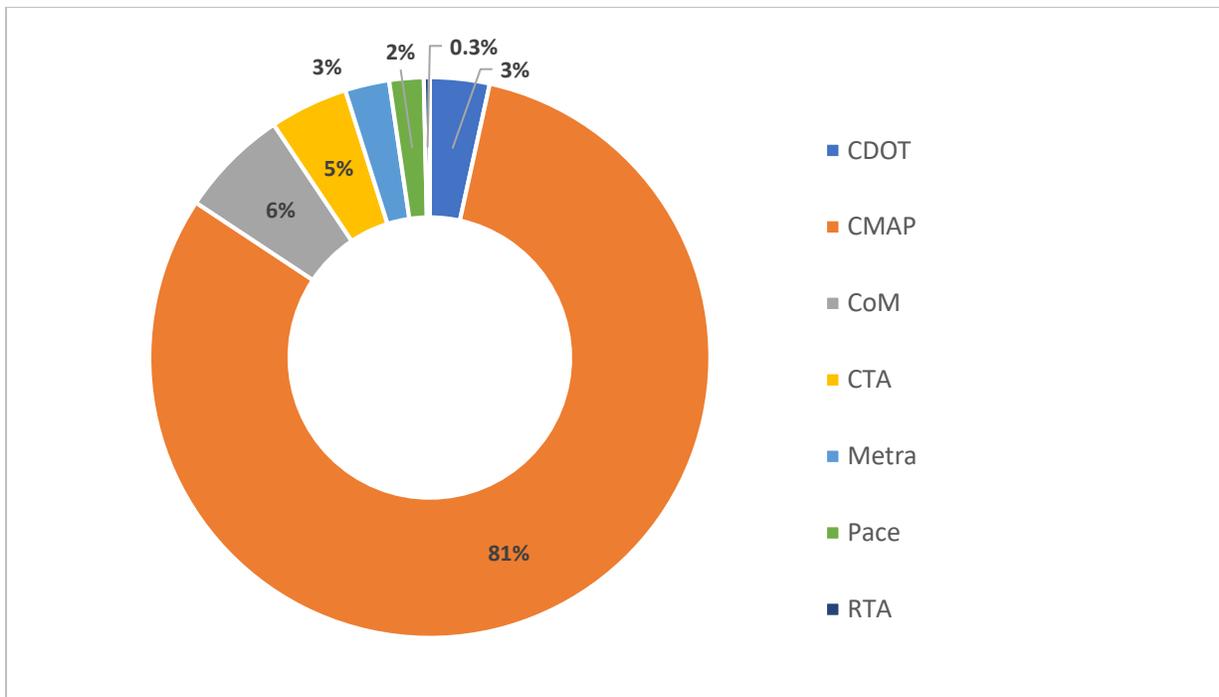


Figure 2. FY 2027 UWP budget by agency



The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (§ 11206) requires metropolitan planning organizations to spend not less than 2.5 percent of federal metropolitan planning funds apportioned to them annually, to carry out activities to increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. These activities are primarily accomplished through the \$761,500 programmed for the competitive program. Within CMAP’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan core program, additional funds are budgeted for the Safe and Complete Streets and Safe Systems program areas. These programs contribute to increasing safe and accessible mobility options within the region.

FY 2027 Core Program

The core program consists of six major activities. The overall budget for those activities is provided below.

Table 2. FY27 core budget by activity

Activity	Personnel	Expenses	Total	Federal	Local
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	\$3,701	\$1,209	\$4,910	\$3,928	\$982
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	\$6,894	\$6,592	\$13,486	\$10,788	\$2,697
Congestion Management Process (CMP)	\$208	\$671	\$879	\$703	\$176
Performance Monitoring (PM)	\$541	\$562	\$1,103	\$883	\$221
Public Participation (PP)	\$2,419	\$598	\$3,017	\$2,414	\$603
Operational Expenses (Ops)	\$1,758	\$9,049	\$10,808	\$8,646	\$2,162
Total	\$15,521	\$18,681	\$34,202	\$27,362	\$6,840

Note: All figures in thousands of dollars.

FY 2027 – 2031 Competitive Program

The competitive program allocates one-time funding to projects, planning studies, or activities that support, implement, inform, or complement the MPO’s required work. In addition to funding commitments made in the FY2025 and FY2026 UWPs, during the call for FY2027-2031 competitive projects, three eligible applications were received and recommended for funding, as summarized below.

Table 3. Recommended FY 2027-2031 UWP Competitive Program

Sponsor	Project	Total Cost	Recommended by FY				
			FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Metra*	Origin/Destination Survey	\$750,000	\$241,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CTA	South Lakefront Transit Access Study	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kane County	Public ROW ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan	\$261,017	\$0	\$182,712	\$78,305	\$0	\$0
RTA	Moving Together: RTA, Pace, and IDOT Partnership for Transit Priority Corridors	\$300,000	\$120,000	\$180,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total			\$761,500	\$462,712	\$78,305	\$0	\$0
Federal (80%)			\$416,000	\$370,170	\$62,644	\$0	\$0
Sponsor Match (20%)			\$104,000	\$92,542	\$15,661	\$0	\$0

**Project was selected for FY2027 funding in the FY2025 – 2029 UWP Competitive Program.*

In addition to the projects highlighted above, the proposed UWP document contains several appendices, detailing sources of local match, staff requirements, audit requirements, an acronym list, a summary of non-UWP funded transportation planning studies, a discussion of UWP development and monitoring processes, and core budget details.

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ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

Attachment: FY2027 Unified Work Program